

James Monroe to Andrew Jackson, April 10, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

PRESIDENT MONROE TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 10, 1824.

Dear Sir, On further consideration, since I saw major Eaton last night, I am led to conclude that it will be most adviseable, to publish nothing in reply to Mr Lowrie's statment, for the present. When we move, we must go on, and publish every thing, and the period for that, has not, I think, as yet arrivd, if it be necessary, at any time. If my letter to you, written lately, and since yours to me of 1816 was found, giving an account of the contents of yours to me of that date, is publishd, it may be asked, why is not yours publishd, since it would speak for itself, and might be more relied on, than any exposition now given of its contents. Mr Lowrie cannot stand where he is; he must shew his incontrovertible evidence, or be believd guilty of misrepresentation. And if he does publish that document, it will disprove what he states, and put him further in the wrong, by committing an additional outrage, as well as a breach of faith. If he publishes the letter of mine, which he has recd. through Richmond, or declining it, leaves the affair where it is, in either case, it may be proper to publish my late letter to you, to explain in what manner, that which is now in the possession of Mr Lowrie, got out of my possession.

I suggest these ideas for your consideration, for I have no objection to the publication of that letter or any other when you may desire. My wish is that major Eaton and mr. Hay communicate freely together, and take the course which shall be deemed most expedient.

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With very sincere regard I am dear Sir yours